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Subject: RE: FYI re: Harrisburg CSO's

Thank you Chris for doing this additional legwork!! Much appreciated.

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Thanks again,
Jessica

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The following info is enforcement confidential and close hold — copying Nina and Pete Gold (acting Section chief for NPDES)

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EPA and Capital Region Water Consent Decree Negotiations
Update:

- EPA and PADEP (Litigation Team) have meetings on October 28 and November 1, and 16 to discuss the suite of deliverables.
- US DOJ sent a revised Consent Decree on November 22, 2021
- The Litigation Team hopes to schedule the next settlement meeting before Christmas.

Background:

- On September 14, 2021, EPA and PADEP met with Capital Region Water (CRW) the wastewater authority in Harrisburg, PA to focus on the Consent Decree (CD) projects proposed in Appendix B.
- On October 5 and 8, 2021, CRW provided the underlying documents in support of Appendix B, a combination of collection system remedial and CSO reduction projects.
- **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
These projects will include, among other things, sewer separation from I-83, a joint CRW/PennDOT project which will convey stormwater from I-83 to the Paxton Creek, part of a \$100 million project cost investment by PennDOT which will help CRW meet the Paxton Creek TMDL.
- Additional projects proposed include five phases of Green Infrastructure financed by a \$13 million loan from PennVest which should yield a 10-15% reduction of CSO overflows through GI by 2032; a schedule for CCTV work of the remaining 50% of the collection system; upgrades to the Harrisburg Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant; repairs of CSO regulators and outfall pipes; and repairs to the Spring Creek interceptor.

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Hi Dana,

Please see Cathy's email below. Do you have any insight, or would you be able to provide any information from a permitting standpoint on Harrisburg's CSO permit. I think I recall that most activity is with regards to enforcement, but I'm not sure if there is much we can provide Cathy on the permitting side. Thank you for your help and insight!

Thanks,
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Not asking for a ton of work to be done on this at the moment. Would just like to get the general gist of what's going on with Harrisburg. I know we had a lot going on with them some years back, but I haven't heard anything in a while. I know some of this branches into compliance and enforcement And we can check with them in a bit. Just want to know what we're aware of..

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wall, Tom" <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>
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800 million gallons in total, overflows once a week on average. Bay reduction opportunities?

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2021/11/we-need-to-use-some-of-the-federal-funds-coming-to-pennsylvania-to-stop-the-sewage-overflow-nightmare-in-harrisburg-opinion.html>

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